ASFC 86-5M

COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Minutes of the meeting held on May 28, 1986

Present: C.L. Bertrand, Chairperson; P. Albert; F. Shlosser; G. Valaskakis; C. Foster, T. Arbuckle-Maag, V. Baba, D. Frost (for M.Barlow); A. Broes; W. Byers; A. Costanzo; R. Cronin, s.j.; J. Doyle; M. Doughty; W. Gilsdorf; W. Knitter; D. Markiewicz; D. McDougall; J. Ryan; M. Oppenheim; R. Pallen; W. Sellers; D. Shapiro; R.Sharma; H. Shulman; G. Trudel; L. Van Toch.

Guests: T. Santateresa; J. Welsh.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

86-5-1 The Dean added Chairperson's Remarks and Question and Announcements under the Open Session and it was moved and seconded (Shlosser/Brown) to approve the Agenda.

Closed Session

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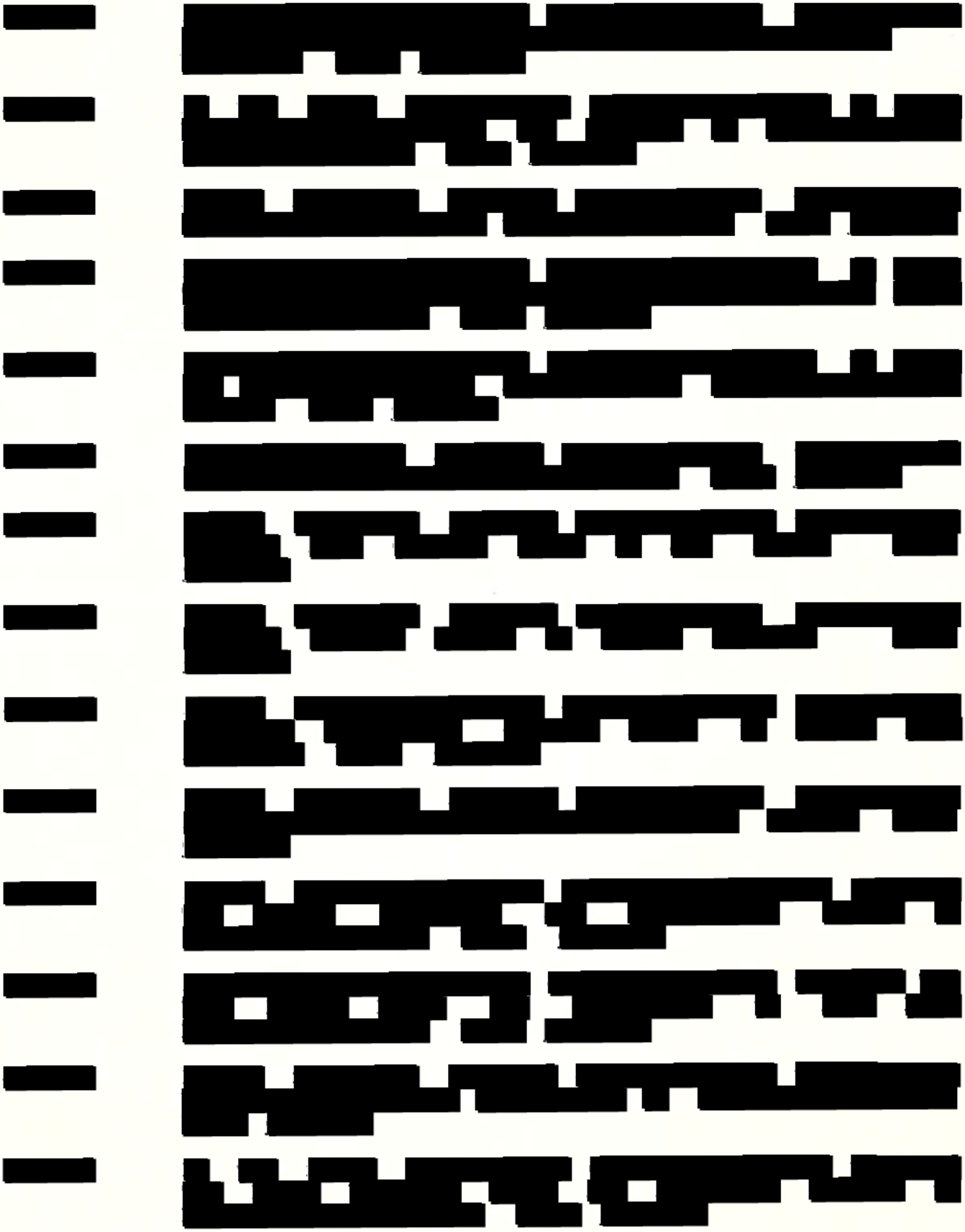

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Open Session

4. Chairperson's Remarks

Dean Bertrand said that the COL increase due to faculty members as of January 1, 1986 is still unavailable to the University as the Quebec government is still in the midst of negotiations with the Public Service.

The 1986-87 budget was provisionally approved by the Board of Governors but this did not include any of the extra monies we had requested; Chairpersons will therefore soon receive their provisional 1986-87 budget

and we will hope that the June meeting of the Board of Governors will increase our budgets somewhat. This will depend on whether or not the student fee is initiated along with other mechanisms to offset the deficit.

Dean Bertrand thanked Council members for their co-operation during the past year.

5. Questions and Announcements

In response to Fr. Cronin's question as to whether or not "user fees" might be imposed by departments, Dean Bertrand said he had suggested to the Rector that "user fees" were an issue apart from the type of fee being discussed by the Board of Governors which would help to offset the deficit. "User fees" would refer, for example, to lab breakage fees. Dean Bertrand said he did not want the situation to arise where a student would say he only had to pay, for example, $5.00 per credit. He felt that the students should know about the proposed fees well in advance; also, there would still be charges for items such as lab manuals and some xeroxing.

6. Elections

a) Committee on General Education (2 positions):

R. Wareham (English) and M. Hogben (Chemistry) were nominated. There being no further nominations, they were declared elected by acclamation.

b) Board of Graduate Studies (1 position):

There were four nominees: D. Fairbairn (Biology), J. Herz (English), H. Proppe (Mathematics), N. Segalowitz (Psychology).
There were no nominations from the floor.
Prof. H. Proppe was elected. (Note: Resigned Sept. 15/86).

c) Academic Services Committee (1 position):

There were three nominees: G. Boyd (Education Technology & Audio-Visual), N. Eddy (Physics), J. Lightstone (Religion).
There were no nominations from the floor.
Prof. J. Lighstone was elected.

7. Curriculum Committee Reports

a) Addendum to Report 52U - Undergraduate Curriculum Course Changes - 1987-88 (ASFC 86-5-D1):

Vice-Dean Dicks stated that the Addendum contained responses to queries raised at the May 2 meeting of ASFC.

Physics:

Physics was merely requesting numbering changes necessitated by changes in the Commerce curriculum. If a major re-structuring of the programme were to be necessary, this would be done at another time. The Curriculum Committee was satisfied that the programme met the requirements and indeed, the spirit of The Cohen Report.

It was moved and seconded (Dicks/Valaskakis) that Council approve the numbering changes to Physics courses in the B.Sc. Specialization in Physics/Marketing necessitated by changes made to the Commerce curriculum. Vote: Carried.

Political Science:

Council was assured that the request did not involve additional resources. In most cases, the courses in question have been taught on a slot basis.

It was moved and seconded (Dicks/Trudel) that Council approve the following courses: POLI 275, POLI 385, and POLI 389. Vote: Carried.

Advice on the 24-credit rule
(amended version ASFC 86-4-D8)

Vice-Dean Dicks said that very few programmes would have a problem meeting the requirements of this rule. He pointed to an error on the amended document ASFC 86-4-D8. The phrase 'plus at least 15 Science' refers only to Honours B.Sc. in Psychology.

Vice-Dean Dicks reported on the outcome of two items in UCCC:

a) The Joint Programme in Playwriting proposed by the English and Theatre Departments passed UCCC without problems.

b) The Biology Department's proposal for a 'C' rule was tabled at UCCC pending further data as to the nature of the problems this rule causes for Biology. Vice-Dean Dicks recalled that Council had discussed the alternative of changing the way in which the D-grade was handled. A proposal such as that would probably pass UCCC; however, Council had decided not to go that route.

Vice-Dean Dicks mentioned that Biology might wish to include the notation "permission of the Department required" before the courses in question, or, advisers could refuse to approve the programme of a student if that student had obtained a 'D' grade in the required pre-requisite course. A case would then come before the Student Request Committee for a ruling.

Vice-Dean Shlosser asked what would happen to departments which already had the 'C' rule in the Calendar. Vice-Dean Dicks thought the grandfather clause would not apply in all cases.

The role of the adviser was discussed. Concern was expressed over the different criteria that might be used by advisers in general. Vice-Dean Shlosser pointed out that SRC decisions were made on an individual basis and that the implications here for workload were staggering.

Vice-Dean Dicks requested that Council think about the problem of the 'C' rule over the summer so that Council could make a decision and collect data needed to back whichever decision was finally made.

Prof. Arbuckle-Maag said that Senate thought the ruling should be faculty-wide rather than departmental. If so, the implications could be serious but the Faculty might wish to consider a move in this direction.

The discussion ended with the suggestion that Council represenatives take the problem to their various departments for discussion. The issue can then be brought to Council in October.

8. <u>Next Meeting</u>

Early September.

9. <u>Adjournment</u>

It was moved and seconded (Broes/Oppenheim) to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

The Dean wished all members a pleasant and productive summer.